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REPORTED ASSASSINATION OF KING OF ITALY.

STORY SAID TO BE TOTALLY BASELESS.

London, February 28.
Reports from Berlin have spread through the Continent to the effect that the King of Italy has been assassinated.
Reuter is informed that the reports are totally baseless.

PRELIMINARY PEACE TERMS.

STRINGENT NAVAL CONDITIONS.

London, February 28.
The Times' Paris correspondent says the naval terms of preliminary peace are practically identical for Germany, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria. They provide for—
Complete disarmament, the Germans to be called on to hand over the battleships Oldenburg, Thuringen, Ost Friesland, Helgoland, Posen, Westfalen, Rheinland and Naisau; the cruisers Pillau, Graudenz, Regensburg, Stralsund, Augsburg, Kolburg and Stuttgart; ninety-two modern torpedo boats; The Heligoland fortifications and harbours to be destroyed by the Germans at their own expense, the fate of the island itself to be decided by the Peace Conference;
All fortifications defending access to the Baltic to be razed;
The Kiel Canal to be open to warships and merchantmen of all nations;
Thirty-one German and forty Austro-Hungarian merchant cruisers and auxiliaries to be treated as merchantmen;
The German cable system, comprising fourteen cables, to be returned to previous owners;
The wireless stations at Nauen, Hanover, Berlin, Vienna, Budapest and Pola to be restricted to commercial use;
An Austrian Fleet of thirteen battleships, twelve cruisers, seventy torpedo boats, thirty-three submarines and twelve Danube monitors to be handed over to the Allies; and Turkish and Bulgarian warships to be treated similarly.

THE LABOUR CONFERENCE.

A TEMPORARY COMMITTEE PROPOSED.

London, February 27.
At the Labour Conference, Mr. Arthur Henderson moved a resolution for the appointment of a committee of employers and employees, including women, to consider the present crisis and subsequently the appointment of a National Industrial Council. He warned the Conference to remember that all industries were not represented by the Triple Alliance (the three Unions mentioned by Mr. Thomas) and therefore suggested the appointment of a temporary Committee, consisting of thirty each from the employers and employees, to deal with existing problems.
Mr. Sturt Bunning, Chairman of the Trades Union Congress, seconding, declared that this was no attempt to side-track the negotiations at present proceeding between the Government and particular trades.

PRICE OF SILVER.

GOVERNMENT FIXES A MAXIMUM.

London, February 27.
The Treasury has fixed the maximum price of silver bullion in the United Kingdom at 47½d. per standard ounce, from February 20.

AMERICAN SILVER FOR CHINA.

London, February 27.
Messrs. Samuel, Montagu and Company's report says the market remains quietly steady. Shanghai exchange has receded to 4½%, doubtless owing to completion of the arrangement whereby China will receive quite a substantial amount of silver from America.

SEAMEN IN CONFERENCE.

SOME INTERNATIONAL DEMANDS.

London, March 1.
The International Seafarers' Conference has passed a resolution in favour of compulsory pilotage in order to relieve Captains when nearing ports. It also adopted an Italian resolution in favour of an international minimum wage at all ports, which it was decided to transfer to the Conference in Paris, in order to induce the Peace Conference to establish a permanent seafaring organisation with a view to uniform labour conditions.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

U. S. REPUBLICANS' OPPOSITION.

Washington, February 28.
In the Senate, Senator Lodge, the Republican leader, voiced American Republican opposition to the League of Nations, contending that the League contravened the Monroe Doctrine and would involve America in all foreign disputes, substitute internationalism for nationalism and be a benefit principally to Europe.
A statement issued from White House denies, on behalf of President Wilson, the references to the Irish question cabled last evening.

BRITISH TREATMENT OF GERMANS.

TRIBUTE BY AN ENEMY GENERAL.

Copenhagen, February 28.
A message from Berlin says General Lettow Vorbeck, in an interview with a representative of the Wolff Bureau at Rotterdam, said he wished to declare that the treatment of himself and his men by the British, especially during the home journey, was very considerate and tactful.

DUTCH MILITARY POLICY.

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST ANNEXATIONS.

The Hague, February 28.
In the Second Chamber, the War Minister, replying to the Army Estimates debate, said disarmament at present would be most dangerous. The Army must be prepared against any attempt to annex parts of Holland. Measures had been taken with a view to a necessary second mobilisation. Partial demobilisation did not mean that Holland would have to allow Limburg and Dutch Flanders to be torn like a fleece from a sheep.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE LABOUR CONFERENCE.

London, Feb. 27.
At the Labour Conference the Premier said there was plenty of common sense in the country and in the end we were practical people. He therefore appealed to the employers to be more frank with their employees. There could be no improved welfare without improved efficiency and we must tighten up and quicken our industries as the war had taught us to do. The wise employer would see that the worker got a fair share of the profits. It was the business of the State to be impartial in industrial disputes and guard the interests of the whole community.
The Premier welcomed Mr. Henderson's suggestion for a committee of inquiry into industrial unrest and its causes. He urged them to act before they separated. He dreaded stagnation. If Britain stood still France and America would stand still and a catastrophe would follow. We were the war by unity. (Loud cheers). Let us have the same unity in peace. Thus would we make this country one of the like of which has never been seen before. (Loud cheers).
The Premier said there were other contributory causes to the unrest. The workers naturally aspired to secure a higher and better standard of life in future. The whole nation would sympathise with the aspiration. He was convinced that the employers were prepared to go further than most of the workers imagined.
The Chairman put Mr. Henderson's resolution, which was declared carried by a large majority.
Steps were then taken to select thirty names each for the committee.

AFGHANISTAN AFFAIRS.

London, Feb. 27.
In the House of Lords, replying to Lord Lambington, Lord Curzon stated that apparently while the Amir was camping near Kabul his tent was entered in the early morning of Feb. 20. He was killed by shots and also stabbed. The body was taken to Kabul by members of the family. It was unknown whether the assassination was due to religious or fanatical reasons or reasons of politics or domestic intrigue. After paying a high tribute to the late Amir's loyalty to Britain Lord Curzon added that apparently he is succeeded by his brother Nasrullah Khan, who immediately sent a letter to the Government of India couched in the friendliest and most loyal terms. A suitable reply had been sent. There was no reason to suppose that there would be any interruption of the friendly relations between Britain and Afghanistan, whose independence we desired to maintain.

AMERICA AND THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

London, Feb. 27.
In his statement on the League of Nations, called earlier, President Wilson denied that the League meant the surrender of the powers of Congress to declare war. He said the strength of the League would rest upon the friendship and goodwill of America, Britain, France, Italy and Japan. Serious trouble between them was unthinkable. Provision for disarmament would not interfere with military training. The President did not regard internal domestic relations like immigration within the jurisdiction of the League and said Ireland would not have a vote in the League at present. The Irish question was one for later solution between Ireland and Britain. The Monroe Doctrine would be guaranteed by all members of the League.

ITALY AND JUGO-SLAVIA.

Paris, Feb. 28.
The Jugo-Slavs have presented their claims to the Conference. According to an Italian statement the Jugo-Slavs claim the whole of Istria with Trieste, Fiume and the Dalmatian Islands except Pelagosa. Italian Headquarters report that the Jugo-Slavs ordered a general mobilisation, which was stopping food supplies to south-eastern Europe. Hence Italy suspended the return of the Jugo-Slav prisoners taken from the Austrians. The Italian delegation states that the Jugo-Slav authorities at Laibach on Feb. 20 expelled the Italian military mission there and the Italian Government, which never recognised Jugo-Slavia, responded by closing the armistice frontier. It also asserts that Serbians attacked a train with repatriated homeward bound Italians at Laibach station and tore down and burned Italian flags decorating the train.
The Jugo-Slav delegation denies the Italian reports of mobilisation of the Jugo-Slavs. It declares the army was disbanded after the defeat of Austria and is now reorganising on a restricted basis involving the calling up of certain classes of younger men; but this is in no way a general mobilisation. It asserts that the Italians are continually landing troops on the Dalmatian coast and encroaching at Fiume and elsewhere. The Italian-Jugo-Slav situation is not regarded here as alarming though likely to complicate the work of the Peace Conference; but if the latter is able to consider the rival claims shortly a peaceable solution is expected to be found.

DAY BY DAY.

The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, C. B. E., will leave for Home on the s.s. Kitano Maru, to-morrow. Mr. Kemp was to have left by this steamer on Saturday but owing to the unexpected arrival of the vessel to-day, she will leave a day earlier.

Yesterday witnessed the opening games in the boys H.K.C.C. tennis tournament. Wong Po Keng, going to F. A. Redmond in the Singles Championship 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, 0-6, 4-6. In the Doubles Championship, Green and Ahn-ham lost to Hayward and Morris, the score being 6-2, 6-2, 2-6, 2-6 and 6-3.

"PINKIE AND THE FAIRIES."

AN APPRECIATION OF THE AUTHOR'S ART.

Mr. Graham Robertson (author of "Pinkie and the Fairies") is possessed of that mysterious ability which some artists show in their slightest efforts of unlocking our mind to romantic adventure and, as far as he carries it, his art is in a sense perfected. It touches another point in his sympathy—with children. In nothing more than his deference towards the thoughts of children in the present age characterised. A tenderness which finds mystic expression in art, and has not part in sentimentality, represents as distinctly one phase of modern art and literature as the position of the artist in the modern world. The author of "The Golden Age," and others, were called by the love of beauty to this kind of religion, with its ritual of flowers and its interest in decorative things. Mr. Robertson's "Mask of May Morning" is dedicated to the sovereignty of children, the courtship of flowers.

The coloured programme cover for "Pinkie and the Fairies" cannot be made more complete by words; it is a happy example of his charming art in the cultivated simplicity. It has a finished, simple and interesting quality of colour conveying the night of fairyland, the pale blue night that hangs so a curtain behind the trees where the roses are darkened but do not sleep.

Mr. Robertson's paintings demand attention, for much of the same spirit that animates his illustrative work is apparent in these. He paints in a manner that shows the influences of the Glasgow school; his painting is light and fluid, his methods of the simplest, as are the methods of that school. With an inspiration received from Whistler, theirs is the vital art in England to-day.

The conceits that are characteristic in his books decide his choice of subject in painting. According to Mr. Robertson, Cinderella's sisters have always suffered under an injustice to their memory. Cinderella was not old enough to "come out" that season, when she escaped to the party, and it is utterly improbable that she was the drudge of the kitchen. Her sisters, beautiful as may be, and not in the least bit ugly, were ladies at Court; it is probable that Cinderella just pattered round the still-room, learning the arts of housekeeping, attended by her maids. This chivalrous intention to whitewash the sisters is of a piece with the passion for whitewash that belongs to our generation—a generation so unbelieving that its unbelief in the existence of bad and ugly people is fast turning history into a calendar of saints.

In his landscape work, Mr. Robertson invariably displays his instinct for pictorial composition, the sense of things as a picture, and faculty for seeing nature within the square of his canvas. This has won for his landscape work the appellation of decorative, though it is seldom that decoration, as such, is his aim in this class of work. It is significant, however, that he admits he cannot separate in his mind the words "art" and "decoration." Where his aim is more consciously decorative, as in his illustrated books, we see how successful he is in achieving this decorative result and in conveying to us the essence of the things that he has chosen for his designs. His direct treatment of line and wash

IN THE BALKANS.

WITH A HONGKONG CONTINGENT.

On Famous Battlefields.

Mr. A. Morley, of the Hongkong Telegraph staff, who was one of the Hongkong contingent sent to Kirkree and later proceeded to the Balkans, writes as follows:—

Serres, January 17.

Here we are actually on our way to some town up on the Black Sea coast, to join the Division to which we have been posted. We are only a small party of eight, the Hongkong fellows of us being Crew, Rogers, Rapley, Weston and myself. Others of our company have preceded us and some are left to follow.
After several rumours, we actually got orders to move two days ago. In real service kit and carrying ten days' rations, we left our camp near Salonica in motor lorries and proceeded that afternoon to a rest camp at Gavran—a base made great use of by the British in the fighting last autumn. We stayed there the night and rose at 4.30 to make breakfast before mounting lorries to proceed to a M. T. depot six miles away. There we joined a large convoy of lorries and came on to this town, which is nearly 60 miles from Salonica.

The ride was dusty and cold, but nevertheless quite interesting, for we passed through some famous fighting scenes. The Struma River was crossed, and on our right we passed Rupel Pass, whilst on our left was Lake Doiran and the town of that name, all of which figured so prominently in the fight against the Bulgars last year. The road passes right through a range of hills before it emerges on to the Struma Valley, and we had some glorious views of snow-capped hills and green valleys. Working on the road were parties of Bulgar and Turk prisoners, who appeared to be well kept and clothed in exchange for very disinterested and light work.

The country is extremely barren, and trenches and old barbed wire abound everywhere. The town of Serres is a ramshackle-looking place and was evacuated by the Bulgars before they threw their hands in. The occupants seem none too well-blessed and the poorer of them simply pester one with their begging. At first sight it is easy to see that Johnny Bulgar had made a strong position here, for the place is a maze of trenches.

We are staying at a rest camp here until we are ordered to proceed by train to our destination, and we hear that our journey may take 10 days or 20—all according to circumstances. At any rate, we are looking forward to an interesting trip, hideously cold though it will be. Turning out in the morning with a white frost on the ground is a thing that calls forth real courage. Taking everything into consideration, we are doing quite well on this trip, and personally I would not have missed it. In health we are quite fit.

are characteristic of the spontaneity with which he draws. The precision with which he puts expressive faces into his illustrations, are all part of an art that comes easily and with delight from the artist. A deep love for nature is everywhere expressed, and is the secret of the direct treatment of line and wash

To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was \$6.13-16d.

The Weather.

Forecast:—fair. Barometer:—29.55. Temperature 2 p.m.—78. Humidity 7 p.m.—68.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(Wah Tai Yat Po Service).

Peking, March 5.
Sir John Jordan has had a lengthy conversation with the President, presumably regarding the Shanghai Conference. Foreign press opinion shows that Peking is powerless to enforce the armistice.

It is reported that the Allied Ministers are considering the presentation of another Aide Memoire to the Government. Provincial organisations have telegraphed urging Peking to hand all secret agreements to the Shanghai Conference.

Shanghai, March 5.
The Armistice Mandate was issued on the evening of the 3rd inst. It embodies five articles and its tone is very strong. Chuanqin Sun-ki, the Delimitation Commissioner, is satisfied and will proceed to Shensi within three days.

After the issue of the above Mandate, the President and Premier wired Li Shun, Tschun of Nanking, accordingly, asking him to arrange to continue the Conference.

The British Minister interviewed the President on the 4th, enquiring as to the suspension of the Conference, and expressing hopes that it will soon continue. The President has raised Chu Kai-ling, asking that the delegates should not leave Shanghai meantime, as the Conference may resume at any time.

Enemy subjects will sail on the 10th instant.

The Cabinet held a secret meeting yesterday regarding the payment of the War Participation War balance. The result of the meeting is unknown.

The Northern delegates, meeting by themselves yesterday, decided that it could not do anything until the receipt from Yu Yau-yam (Southern Commander in Shensi) advising that fighting is actually stopped. Therefore they wired Peking to instruct the telegraph offices to accept Yee's telegram for Shanghai, to which Peking has agreed. They also decided that if Chan Shi Fan, the Shensi Tschun, does not stop fighting after he has received the Mandate, they will demand his removal.

The Southern delegates, also meeting by themselves, decided that they must set according to the manifesto.

HAIG'S REWARD.

That Sir Douglas Haig has refused reward for his services until Peace has actually been signed is now certain, and the rumour that his decision was influenced by the inadequate rewards that have been offered his subordinates raises the question of what should be granted to the Field Marshal. If Lord Roberts's services in South Africa were worth £100,000, surely Sir Douglas Haig should receive five times that amount at least, besides being granted a high patent of nobility. Sir Arthur Wellesley was made a Duke for much less than Haig has done. If he had a free hand he might have accomplished his task in 1918. (U. S. Gazette.)

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TO-DAY.

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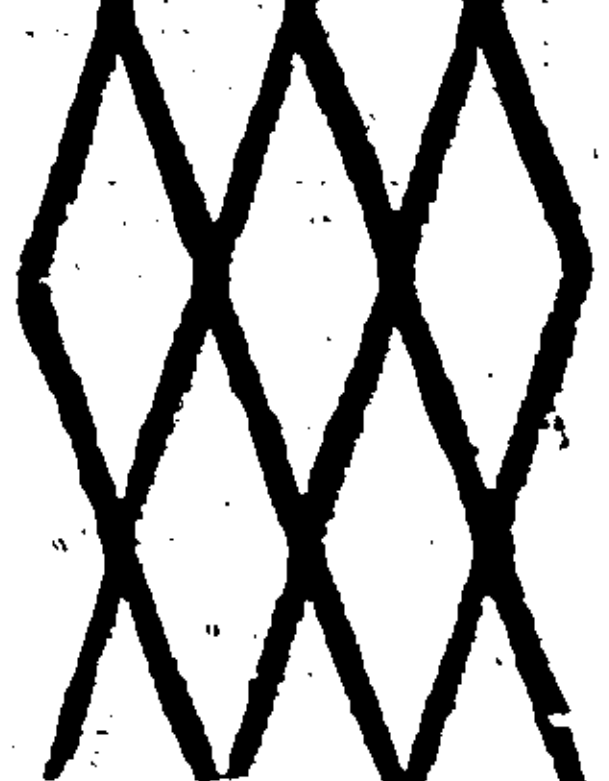
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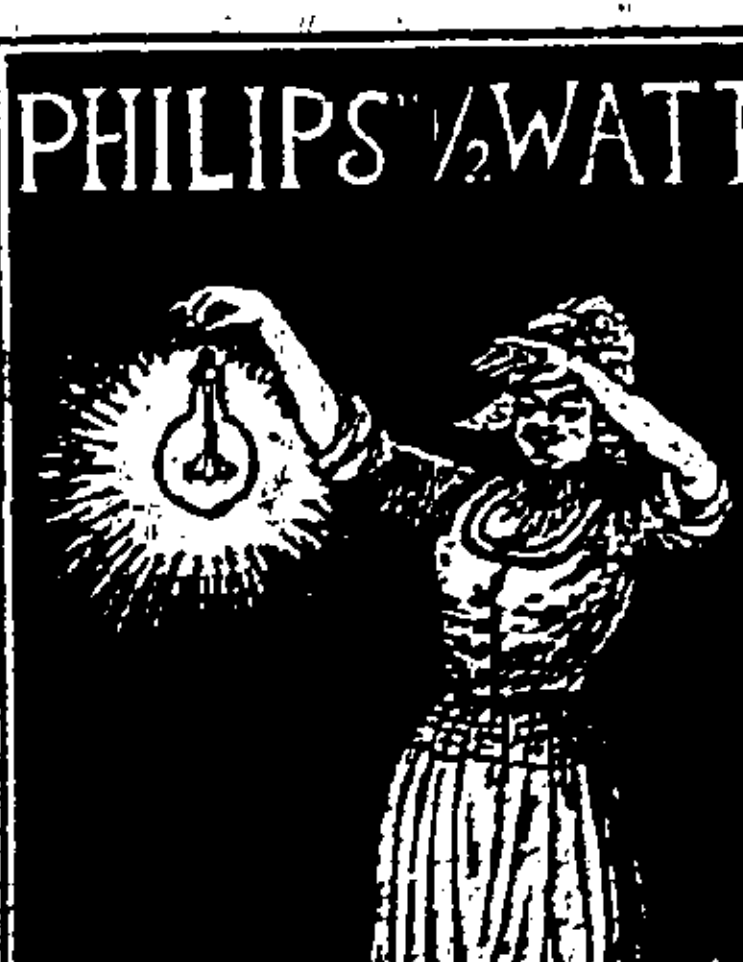
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Captain Boy-Ed indicated that he was likely to engage in some commercial pursuit.

"The revolution in the German Navy was part of a general movement," he said in discussing the political cataclysm that has come to Germany. "The Independent Socialists and Spartacus adherents prepared for it long ago. Recent revelations by Adolph Joffe, the Bolshevik Ambassador at Berlin, showed that Russian gold played a decisive role in the movement. On the other hand, the extraordinary influence exerted upon the resisting qualities of the German people by the propaganda conducted by Lord Northcliffe does not as yet appear to be fully realised."

"Independent Socialist leaders recently declared with almost cynical candour that the outbreak of the revolution was planned for November 4. By a coincidence the German high seas fleet was mobilised on October 13 for an attack on the Flemish coast, and this put the avalanche into motion prematurely."

"Revolutionary leaders used this as a pretext to inciting the men to insubordination, telling them they were to be led to the shambles at the last moment. Many timid men who had previously been loyal were thus won over."

"Capt. Boy-Ed recounted his experiences during the Kiel revolution. He said:

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"The revolution has heaped upon the Fatherland disgrace that is almost intolerable. It brought with it undignified conduct by thoughtless elements among the soldiers and civilians. But even these sad occurrences cannot minimise the accomplishments of Germany in the progress of this war. The great mass of the people remain the people of Goethe and Wagner."

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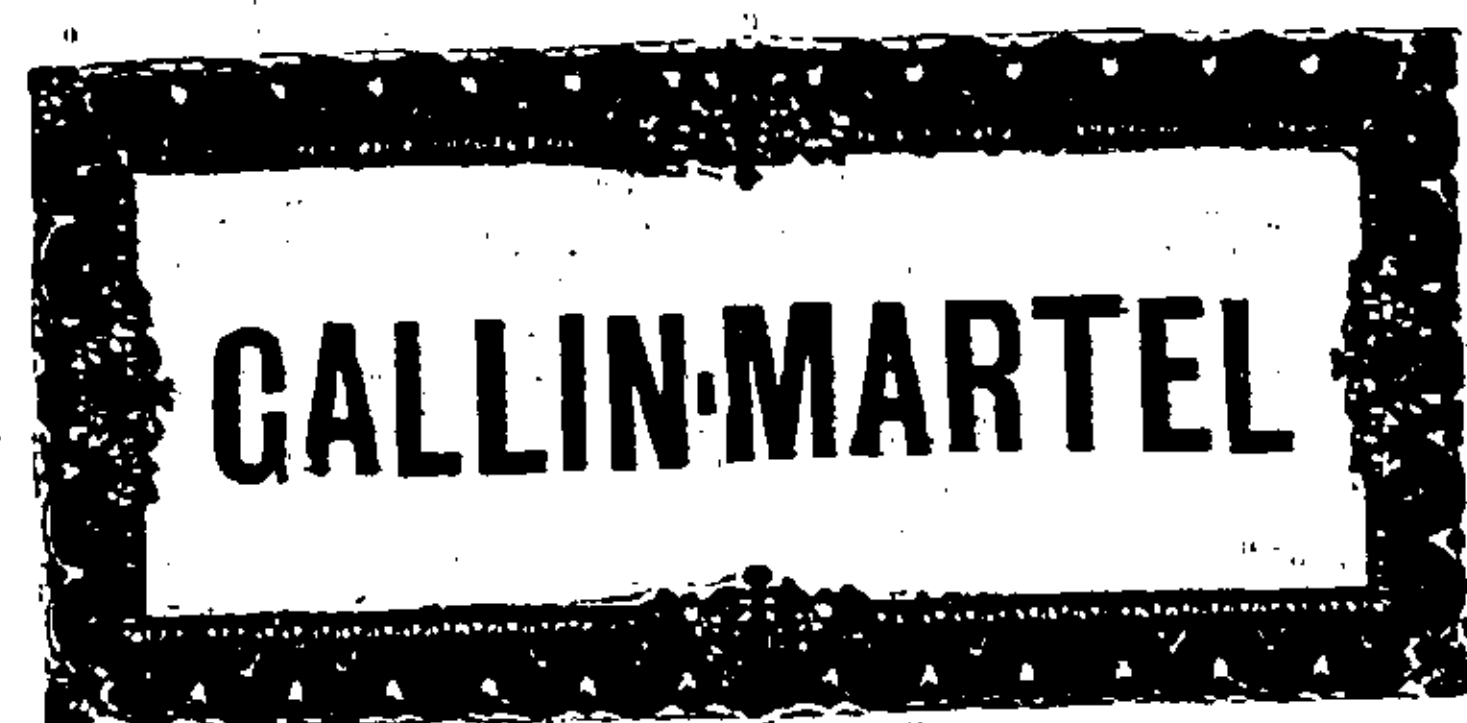
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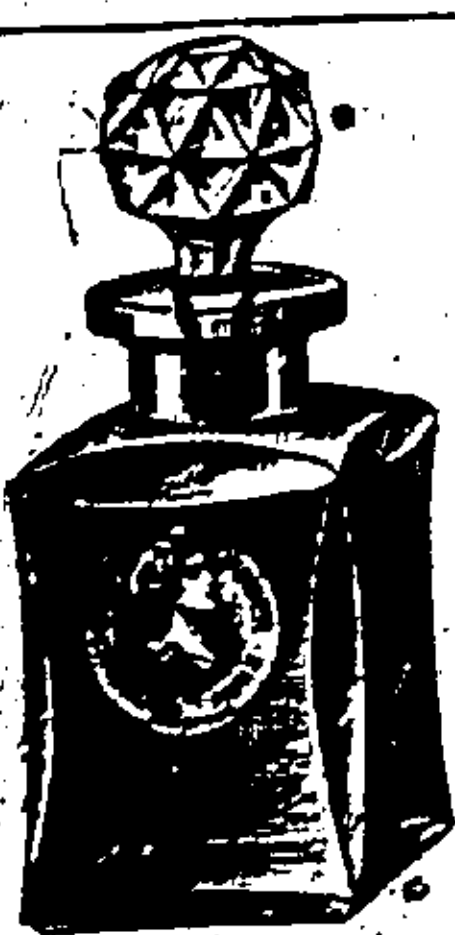
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JEWS' RIGHT TO PALESTINE.

If the war has done no other good it has at least shed the light of modern thought on some of the dark corners of the earth, and nowhere in all the warring countries has more good been accomplished in such a short space of time than in Palestine, for four centuries under the benighted rule of Turkey. Reuter's Agency yesterday told us that the Zionist delegates (Drs. Hekolow and Weizmann), who were heard by the Peace Conference at Paris, claimed the right of the Jews to constitute Palestine as a National Home under the trusteeship of Great Britain as mandatory of the League of Nations. The rights of all existing non-Jewish communities would be respected and safeguarded. The Zionists have proclaimed to the world that the Jewish people still lives and wants to live, but the restoration of Palestine which they demand is not the restoration of a vast number of individual Jews as free citizens of whatever state may be established there, nor merely the extension of the present system of Jewish colonies owning scattered districts, with freedom to manage their own business and local affairs. It is the establishment of the Jews as a nation under Jewish law, in possession of the whole of the Jewish land, and using, of course, the Hebrew language. Their own words are "a Jewish Palestine" and "the establishment of a Jewish national home." This term also appears in the memorable declaration of Great Britain to the Jews through Mr. Balfour: "A home for Jewish civilisation, as well for some millions of Jews in the ancient land of Israel."

The Jews want Palestine, the whole country, to be the home of the Jews and they want to live under their own laws, not indeed with the outward shell of a State, but with the inner kernel of free and independent institutions. This desire is most natural to a people, who, while heroically preserving their national spirit through eighteen centuries, of dispersions and many persecutions, are without the experience or the means required for government and its international duties. A Jewish Palestine or a Jewish National Home might have been previously the heavy stuff of which dreams are made. It is now a slice of reality. An ancient and invisible star seemed indeed to point the way. That star to the Jews all over the world is an idea, apprehended but not beholden, but, unlike an idea, it is physical, tangible, fixed in time and place. That star is Zion. The Jews receive moral support from the prophecy of Micah: "But in the last days it shall come to pass that the mountain of the House of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord and to the house of the God of Jacob and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths, for the law shall go forth of Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

Jewish opinions have not agreed as to what is to be the supreme power in Palestine. Some conceived a wide and undefined international suzerainty, others a protectorate by a single great Power or by a League of Nations, while some suggested that it should be assumed by Great Britain, France or Italy. The Zionists seemed now to have arrived at a unanimous decision, and, according to Reuter, they are in favour of rule by the League of Nations with Great Britain as mandatory. When the aim of Zionism is accomplished, Palestine will be the home of the Jewish people not because it will contain all the Jews in the world (this is impossible) but because it will be the centre to which all Jews will look as their home and the source of all that is most essentially Jewish. Palestine will be the country in which Jews will be found, just as Ireland is the country in which we would look for the real Irish type, though there are more Irishmen outside Ireland than in it. And similarly Palestine will be the home of Judaism, not because there will be no Judaism anywhere else, but because in Palestine the Jewish spirit will have free play, and there the Jewish mind and character will express themselves as they can nowhere else. For instance, the first Hebrew University is to-day being erected on the Mount of Olives overlooking the city of Jerusalem. The Jews in Palestine are to-day creating the first germ of a new life. It seems at first sight paradoxical that in a land with so sparse a population, in a land where everything still remains to be done, the Jews should begin by creating a centre of spiritual and intellectual development, but it is not a paradox for those who know the soul of the Jew, who knows that when the mind is given fullest play, that when he has a centre for the development of Jewish consciousness this will coincide with the fulfilment of his material needs. The University in Jerusalem is to teach everything the mind of mankind embraces, and will be the home of hundreds of talented young Jews.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE LATE MR. DYER BALL.

By the death of Mr. Dyer Ball, the Chinese have lost a true friend, who probably knew and appreciated their outlook on life as it is given to few Europeans to do. To old residents in the Colony his familiar figure is easily recalled, and those who knew him best speak of him as a man of high character who, whilst possessing decided views, was always ready to give ear to those who did not see eye to eye with him. That he did a lot for the Chinese is common knowledge, whilst his able pen was used to good effect in his books giving an insight into native customs and habits. As a sinologist, he had few equals, and it is from his text-books that thousands of Europeans have been made acquainted with the Chinese language. He spent just half of his life in Hongkong, and he left the Colony carrying with him the love of many who had seen his work, official and social, here. Despite his burden of years, since the war he had done his bit by carrying out special literary work for the Admiralty and the War Office, and so it may be said that right up to the end of a busy life he was serving others. He will long be remembered. R.I.P.

INFLUENZA.

It will have been noticed from a Morning Post telegram which we published yesterday that the influenza outbreak in Shanghai has again become worse, and that numerous cases, especially amongst foreigners, are developing pneumonia. This, of course, is the worst form of the complaint, for practically all the deaths following the "flu" have been from supervening pneumonia. In pointing out that Shanghai is uncomfortably near Hongkong, we have no desire to create a scare, but we emphasise this point again because we are anxious that due precautions be taken here against a spread of the disease. The public itself can do its part in this direction by observing even elementary rules of hygiene. But we think the time has come when the health authorities ought to be issuing a circular of advice containing simple hints as to what precautions should be taken to guard against a possible epidemic. These should be freely circulated amongst both the European and Chinese communities, for there is nothing like taking time by the forelock in matters of such gravity. An ounce of prevention is worth many pounds of cure.

A NEW BANKING ENTERPRISE.

Too much importance cannot be attached to the British banking amalgamation which has just been formed. We refer to the establishment of the British Overseas Bank, the capital for which has been furnished by the Anglo-South-American Bank, the Clydesdale Bank, the Northern Bank of Scotland, and the Williams Deacons Bank. This scheme represents an entirely new development in British banking, a development which has become very necessary owing to the ever-changing conditions. In every sphere of national and industrial life, we can see a tendency towards the establishment of central authorities, for we have learned by experience that only in this way can good results be obtained. Now more than ever is co-operation and mutual assistance required, and the banks mentioned above have taken a bold and far-seeing step. In the past few years British trade has used all the help it can get, and the British Overseas Bank is a real effort in this direction, for it aims at providing additional facilities for British import and export trade, and at centralising the working of the different banks, each of which covers different territory. The new bank intends to establish branches abroad, which will make it unnecessary for each of the five banks to have a separate branch abroad and still be represented throughout the world. The move is a far-seeing one and will undoubtedly meet with success.

BILLIARDS.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

At the V.R.C. last night, Capt. E. B. Green and Mr. P. A. Yvanovich met in the Colony's Billiards Championship, and the latter won by 400 to 298. The winner played a very strong game throughout, seldom making less than double-figure breaks. Green took matters too easily against a stiff proposition. The highest break was 31, by the winner, but numerous efforts of over 20 were made by both players.

DAY BY DAY.

THE PAGE THAT KILLS WOULDN'T BE SO BAD IF IT KILLED ONLY THE PACEMAKER.

Yesterday's health return shows one fatal case each of plague, enteric and cerebro-spinal fever. All were Chinese.

By the Shinyo Maru yesterday fifteen U.S. naval seamen left, as well as 224 Filipino emigrants for Honolulu.

Twenty-nine gamblers were arrested yesterday, on board a Hongkong, Canton Macao Steamboat Company's lighter, near the wharf. They were all squatting in the hold below, playing fan-tan. Mr. R. E. Lindahl fined them \$3 each to-day.

Owing to the fog, a collision between two of the Star Ferry boats, was narrowly averted this morning. One of the ferries had to ring the engines full speed astern and only missed the approaching ferry by a few yards, the latter having to put the helm hard over.

During the week ended 1st March there were reported to the Medical Officer of Health, two deaths from plague, one case of diphtheria, one death from enteric fever, one death from small pox and eight cases (six deaths) of cerebro spinal fever. All were Chinese. During the 24 hours ended 4th March one Chinese died from bubonic plague and there were four Chinese deaths from cerebro spinal fever.

The Frawley Company gave a splendid presentation of "A Pair of Sixes" at the Canton Club Theatre, Shamoon, on Tuesday, and the house was kept in roars of laughter. Our correspondent says one of the features of the play was the clever performance given by Miss Anzonetta Lloyd, whose part as the spoilt wife, was portrayed as to the life, her hysterical moods causing intense amusement.

The Chinese who is alleged to be implicated in pillaging in the village Tai Kon was this morning remanded to goal by Mr. J. R. Wood, where he is to await the orders of the Government. Addressing him, Mr. Wood said: "You will be sent to Canton on the evidence given here. It is my duty to inform you that you will not be surrendered until the expiration of 15 days from to-day and that you have a right to apply to the Supreme Court for a writ of Habeas Corpus."

A pukka Chinese Touchstone has been discovered in the person of Ah Kam. Ah Kam was an ordinary hewer of wood and drawer of water. He did not possess a headgear, and decided on the style that he thought Mrs. Ah Kam would be pleased with. So it came to pass that at 8 o'clock after the setting of the sun on the 5th day of the third moon, Ah Kam took a stroll down Pitt Street and there he saw a delightfully big hat of the newest and most up-to-date fashion. It was 38 inches in diameter, forming an apex at the top. It was made of the best Chinese bamboo and was as Keats would say: "A thing of beauty and a joy for ever." Ah Kam felt a great desire to take the hat and, after a few minutes' consultation with his conscience, decided that it should be one of the many items in his wardrobe. He had not gone very many yards when a Chinese constable exchanged greetings with him, and finding that the hat was a stallholder's, brought him up for punishment this morning before Mr. J. R. Wood. Mr. Wood: "Do you want to call any witnesses?"—Ah Kam: "Yes."—Mr. Wood: "Who is he?"—Ah Kam: "It is Ah Kam."—Mr. Wood: "Who is Ah Kam?"—Ah Kam: "That's me."—After this can anyone allege that the Chinese mind is void of humour? Ah Kam will now spend 21 days in goal.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

(BY "ENHARMONIC")

Some weeks ago, I referred to the propositions made by Lieut. Mann, at the annual meeting of the seafarers of St. Andrew's Church, in connection with the inauguration of an orchestra to play at the church services and also the enlargement of the choir. As Lieut. Mann stated, the object in view was to make the services more attractive to those who perhaps would not otherwise attend. The suggestions were received with something approaching enthusiasm and, as a result, the proposer was left a free hand to carry out his projects.

It is gratifying to learn that Lieut. Mann's disinterested efforts have already met with considerable success, several instrumentalists having volunteered their services for the orchestra, which it is proposed to accommodate in the front row of seats in the Church. In addition to this, the choir has been largely augmented, due to an offer of financial recognition to the choir boys for their services at practices.

The significance of the fact that the venture has met with success should not be too lightly passed over, for had support for the scheme been lacking in a sufficient degree to make its realisation impracticable, a severe damper would have been placed upon what is the first attempt, since the war, to provide good healthy music at definite and stated intervals.

To my mind, and I know there are many who agree, it does not much matter whether such music is rendered in a public hall or in a Church, and if those whose duty it is to look after our spiritual welfare are assisted in their work by choosing the Church for its rendering, then a doubly good work is being done. I shall refer to the matter again later on; in the meantime I congratulate Lieut. Mann most heartily.

Inspirations for themes which have eventually proved to be masterpieces have come to well-known composers in curious places. A story is told of Grieg, which there is no reason to disbelieve, who went fishing with his friend Beyer. After a while, a musical theme came into Grieg's head and he jotted it down on a small piece of paper, placing it on a bench at his side. Unobserved by Grieg, a puff of wind carried it into the water, whence it was rescued by Beyer, who read it, put it in his pocket and then whistled the air. Grieg turned like a flash and said: "What was that?" Beyer answered nonchalantly "Only an idea I just got," whereupon Grieg replied "The devil you say! I just got that same idea myself."

Many of the great composers received their inspirations from nature. Beethoven, before he became deaf, found great help in thunderstorms and wind and rain, and biographers have asserted that the "Pathetic Sonata" first found birth in the great composer's mind during a thunderstorm. There are many tone-pictures of nature, one of the most striking of which is "Fingal's Cave." The descriptive effects contained in this composition are wonderful and could not fail to carry their meaning even to the most untrained ear.

I had the pleasure of again hearing Miss Eileen Boyd, of the Vanity Fair Company, sing "The Silver Ring" on Saturday evening last. As on the previous occasion, the vocalist showed herself to be an artist of high attainments. With the exception of Madame Alice Games, Miss Boyd has the most beautiful contralto voice I have heard in the East. She has been well-trained, and her tutor, whoever he or she may have been, has certainly made the most of a fine natural gift.

CHARTERED BANK.

THE INCREASE OF CAPITAL.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China was held in London on December 18 for the purpose of increasing the capital of the Bank by the issue of new shares.

The Chairman (Sir Montagu C. Turner), in moving the resolution, which was subsequently carried unanimously, said, *inter alia*:—The capital of this Bank in 1880 was \$644,000, the Reserve then stood at \$5,000. In 1884 the capital was raised to \$800,000 and the Reserve stood at \$105,000. The Reserve subsequently more or less disappeared; but in later years it was again built up steadily, and by the year 1907, when the Capital of the Bank was raised from \$800,000 to \$1,200,000, we then had a Reserve of \$1,500,000. Since that date the Reserve has steadily increased, and to-day we have a Reserve of \$2,000,000 sterling, as compared with the capital of the Bank of \$1,200,000. The Directors are of opinion that the time has now arrived when to meet the expansion of trade, and increased financial demands, both here and in the East, we can safely recommend an increase in capital. As you know, we have decided to issue the new shares at a figure which will be a substantial gift practically to the existing shareholders, looking at the price issued as compared with the market price of to-day. In 1907 the new shares were issued at £40; that is, £20 premium as we propose to-day, and I think our shares then stood between 50 and 60, certainly not above 60, and to-day the market quotation is between 89 and 90, so that what we propose to-day is really a substantial gift to our shareholders, and we are exceedingly glad to do so, because the shareholders have been wise in past generations and have not objected to the annual addition to our Reserve, and in that way have strengthened the position of the holding of their own shares in the market. Now we have purposely made the instalments on the new shares, payable at fairly long intervals, and in such amounts as would suit the convenience of the smaller shareholders. To those who are willing to make one payment we are prepared to allow a discount of 5 per cent. Then interest on instalments will be free of income tax, and fractional certificates for one-third share will be issued, so that the holders of shares on the Register on the 8th proximo may take full advantage of the allotment. For example, a holder of four old shares will be allocated two new shares and two fractional certificates of one-third each. A holder of eight shares will become entitled to five new shares and a fractional certificate for one-third, and so on. Application is being made to the Stock Exchange Committee for permission to deal in the fractional certificates.

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AUSTRALIAN STEEL BOUNTIES.

Mr. W. M. Hughes, the Australian Prime Minister, says that his Government has just granted £200,000 in bounties for the encouragement in the Commonwealth of iron and steel manufacture. In an interview with a representative of *Production*, the organ of the British Empire Producers' Organisation, he said that the Commonwealth Government are out to make Australia a great industrial country. Each industry will be considered on its claims, and protection will be granted. Manufacturers would always be assured by his Government, he said, of a "sufficiency of raw material."

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Amongst the revelations of German brutality and foulness which we are hearing from returned prisoners one stands out for its characteristic meanness and cunning. Many men were reported as being confined in certain camps who had never been near those camps, if indeed they existed at all, and the parcels sent to them from home to those addresses were stolen by the authorities. One of these returned prisoners, says a correspondent, has never been in Germany at all, although his address was Friedrichsfeld. He was employed behind the German lines in France until November 11, when he was turned loose with the rest. German mentality cannot be understood by anyone but a German. It has no redeeming sense of decency.

There is a very general impression that Poland is a land of immensely powerful nobles who possess the greater part of the country. This certainly was the case in Poland, as indeed in most European countries, but times have changed, and it is now the peasants and not the nobles who hold the greater part of the land. In Russian Poland, between 1875 and 1910, no less than 2,500,000 acres changed hands, with peasants as the buyers. In Galicia the large estates represented 42.4 per cent of the territory in 1885, but in 1902 this figure had fallen to 37.2 per cent. At the present time 76 per cent of the cultivated land of Galicia is in the hands of the peasants, while in Russian Poland they possess 70 per cent. A similar phenomenon is to be remarked in Prussian Poland. And this process of the passing of land from the gentry to the peasants is continuing.

I have been having a feverish time, writes an R.T.O., in the *Manchester Guardian* with hundreds of dispossessed French peasants. They are a really curious psychological study. We have a French "Commission Militaire" now, thanks be, so that they are not in my department any more which does not, however, prevent them from buttonholing me whenever I come within hail. They sit about the station for hours—sometimes even for days—surrounded by their packages, and regarding everyone with the darkest suspicion. The greatest difficulty of all appears to be to prevent those from the desolated districts from returning to villages which aren't there any more. They are not, of course, allowed to go there, and the reason is explained to them, which does not prevent them from telling the most stupendous lies about their intended destination and trying every possible subterfuge to get back home—an example of the homing instinct which I suppose you would find in no one but the French. Those that do manage to get through—and I suppose some do—must inevitably starve, as there are no troops for them to ask for rations from, nor any possible food for them to get.

An echo of the German sea raiders comes from the South Pacific. There on the coast of Lord Howe Island lies the wreck of the *Seeadler*, of Atlantic fame two years ago. According to reports from the Maritime Department of the Chamber of Commerce, the raider is to be sold by the French Government. Though her hull is badly damaged, the *Seeadler's* engines are in good condition, and there is also a large quantity of hawsers, tanks, and other equipment. The famous raider was at one time the *barque* *Pais* of Balmain, of 1,571 tons. After her capture by the Germans the latter fitted her out with powerful Diesel oil engines of 1,200 horse-power. In connection with the sale it is reported that no bid under £400 can be considered.

In his newly-published "Life" Mr. J. R. Clynes relates the story of his romantic rise from a ten-year-old drudge in an Oldham cotton mill to the rank of King's Minister. He tells of the joy derived in studying a tattered old dictionary which he had bought for 6d. after carefully scraping that amount together. Of the delight in surreptitiously devouring an Emerson exposed for sale on an open second-hand stall. Of the irresistible thrill which came on his personal in a "way of Ruskin's" "Seven Lamps of Architecture" and other books, "the dearest book in all my library" to him. And, perhaps best of all, how he was able to earn money for other books by riddling aloud to three old men.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

HONGKONG AND AVIATION.

RESTRICTING ENEMY COMMERCE.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber this afternoon, when the following were present:

H. E. the Officer Administering the Government (Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G.).

H. E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General F. Ventris.)

The Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, C.B.E., Attorney General.

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, O.B.E., Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

The Hon. Mr. C. Mc I. Messer, O.B.E., Colonial Treasurer.

The Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, Director of Public Works.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Capt. Superintendent of Police.

The Hon. Mr. D. Landale.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak.

The Hon. Mr. Ho Fook.

The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak.

Mr. A. Dyer Ball, (Clerk of Councils).

FINANCIAL.

The following financial minutes, recommended by H. E. the Officer Administering the Government, were referred to the Finance Committee and subsequently approved:

A sum of \$31,551 in aid of the vote Royal Observatory, special expenditure, typewriter.

A sum of \$6,300 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, miscellaneous, repairing and coaling yard for Government launches.

HONGKONG AND AVIATION.

In the absence of the Hon. Mr. Pollock the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak asked the following questions:

1. Will the Government draw the attention of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the importance of the Colony of Hongkong of its being made one of the Stations in the proposed Imperial Air Service which is being inaugurated?

2. Will the Government consider the advisability of reserving a large area in the North Western portion of the plain in the middle of which the Sheung Shui Railway Station is situated for the purpose of an Aerodrome?

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied as follows:

1. This Government has addressed the Secretary of State on the subject of the policy to be pursued by the Colony in this matter.

2. The question of a site for an aerodrome is being kept in view. It is not possible to make any pronouncement on the subject.

NON-FERROUS METALS BILL.

The Hon. Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill intitled An Ordinance to restrict temporarily the persons who may engage in business connected with certain non-ferrous metals and metallic ores.

The Hon. Attorney General said that this Bill was part of the Imperial policy to protect certain essential businesses in certain materials during a period after the war. The object was to prevent those persons, who are now enemies, from making attacks on such essential businesses and from possessing such essential ores and materials after the war, when they shall cease, technically, to be our enemies. Experience has shown that such attacks have been made in the past, for

political and other reasons, and the idea of the Bill is to provide that no trade shall be carried on in metals or ores without a licence from the Governor-in-Council and licences shall not be given to any person who now is, or has been, an enemy subject, or any firm which is under the control of a person or persons who now is, or has been, an enemy subject. Provision would be made for exemption of businesses which only do a small amount of business in these particular non-ferrous metals. The Bill was based on the English Act—the Non-Ferrous Metals Industry Act, of last year—and differs from that Act only in certain minor details. The Bill gives power to search the premises of such persons carrying on such business and businesses under the control of those persons. There were certain supplementary provisions which it was not necessary to go into. The Bill then passed its second and third readings.

BANKING PROHIBITIONS.

The Hon. Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill intitled An Ordinance to prohibit the carrying on of banking business for the benefit of or under the control of certain persons.

The Hon. Attorney General said that this Bill was another part of the same policy which the Bill just passed dealt with, for the protection of essential businesses from attempts of persons, now enemies, to gain control of those businesses, after the war. The idea of the Bill was to prohibit the carrying on of banking business by any person who now is, or has been, an enemy subject, or any firm which is under the control of such persons, and to make it a punishable offence, by fine or imprisonment, to carry on such business. The Bill also gives power of search and seizure for contravention of the Ordinance. Power is also given to the Governor-in-Council to order any business which is being carried on in contravention of the Ordinance, to be wound up, and the Governor-in-Council is also given power to make regulations for the manner in which such windings up are to be carried out. It has been found impossible to provide in the Bill for the exact method of winding up, as it was difficult to foresee all the points that might arise, but it is hoped that as the Ordinance makes it a punishable offence to carry on such business, no winding up will be required.

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ed, says the Bangkok Times. She
had as part of her cargo several
hundred tons of rails for the State
Railways in the after holds and
owing to the depth of water these
added to the difficulties of raising
the vessel.

STORM WARNINGS.

The Japanese Department of
Communications has arranged to
give storm warnings by wireless
to all vessels at sea. Formerly
the Central Meteorological Obser-
vatory sent telegrams to the wire-
less stations at Kagoshima,
Shimonoseki, Choshi, and other
places, and from these stations
wireless warnings were despatched
only to vessels which had
previously arranged for this ser-
vice. The messages will be sent
out twice every two hours.

THE STANDARD UNIFORM.

Now that, under an Order in
Council signed by the King, a
standard uniform has been
adopted for the officers of the
Merchant Service, difficulties
have been experienced in their
obtaining it owing largely to the
cloth being held up for purposes
of Naval uniform. The Imperial
Service Guild has drawn atten-
tion to the matter with the result
that the Board of Trade is taking
steps to secure priority treatment
for the supply of standard cloths
for Merchant Service uniforms
upon the same lines as that now
accorded to uniforms of the Royal
Navy.

CRUISERS FOR ATLANTIC MAIL SERVICE.

The General Post Office is in
communication with shipping
interests here, says the London
correspondent of the Daily Dis-
patch with the object of bringing
about an early improvement in
the Transatlantic mail service.
The service has suffered severely
through submarine losses, with
the result that it is now more
than 50 per cent. below the
standard of pre-war days. Some
time, however, must elapse
before any appreciable im-
provement can be brought
about by the ordinary methods,
and the suggestion has
been made that this country and
the United States should each
allocate two or three of its largest
and fastest cruisers to the mail
service. It is said that these
vessels could easily be adapted for
the purpose, and that they could
make the Atlantic trip within
three and one-third days, carrying
about 5,000 passengers as well as
the mail. Another argument
adduced in support of the sugges-
tion is that the end of the war
and the results of the Peace
Conference will make it very
unlikely that the ships in question
will ever be required for fighting
purposes again.

MERCHANT SERVICE'S DEMANDS.

The Imperial Merchant Service
Guild has written to the Prime
Minister asking that the following
be placed amongst the cardinal
and essential points to be discus-
sed at the forthcoming Peace Con-
ference:—(1) That the Kaiser and
his confederates shall be brought
to justice. (2) That the murder
of Captain Fryatt shall be
avenged. (3) That the widows,
orphans and other depen-
dants of officers and men of the
Merchant Service shall receive
full reparation in a financial way
and that, in the meantime, they
totally inadequate allowances
and pensions under the present
Government Scheme shall be
substantially improved. (4) That
all officers and men of merchant
ships who have been incapacitated
from further employment at
sea owing to the circumstances
of the war shall be fully com-
pensated. (5) That all those officers
and men of the Merchant Service
who have been held captive by the
enemy since even before the be-
ginning of the war or, otherwise,
have been taken captive by the
enemy on the high seas shall
receive full pay for the period of
their internment. (It has been
decided by the House of Lords
that their pay during internment
is not legally claimable). Also
that the enemy shall compensate
them for the undermining of their
constitutions caused by the suf-
fering and the privations they
have endured. (6) That no enemy
alien shall in future be allowed to
serve in the British Merchant
Service as officer or man.

SHIPPING.

C. N. C.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For	Steamers	To Sail
SHANGHAI	Tungchow	7th Mar. at 8 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	Kwellin	7th Mar. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	Yingchow	8th Mar. at 3 p.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	Liangchow	11th Mar. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	Sinkiang	11th Mar. at noon.

SHANGHAI LINE.—PASSENGERS, MAILS AND CARGO.
Excellent Saloon accommodation. Amplest Electric Light and
Fans in Saloon and State-rooms. Regular schedule service between
Canton, Hongkong and Shanghai, taking Cargo on through Bills of
Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports. Passengers are
landed in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of transshipment
at Woosung.

For Freight or Passage apply to

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Telephone No. 36.

Hongkong March 6, 1919.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Regular Fortnightly Service between

CHINA and JAPAN.

Steamer	From	Expected on or about	Will leave on or about	For
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Tijlapijap in port 10th Mar. Japan

Tijlmarock Shanghai 1st Apr. Java

"The steamers are all fitted throughout with electric light and
have accommodation for a limited number of saloon-passengers.
All steamers carry a duly qualified surgeon. Cargo taken at
through rates to all ports in Netherlands-India and Australia."

For particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN,

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LD.

HONGKONG & SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS SERVICE.

Regular Service of Fast, High Class Coast Steamers having
good accommodation for first Class Passengers, Electric Light and
Fans in state-rooms and Saloon and Excellent Cuisine.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHEW AND RETURN.

(Occupying 9 to 10 days.)

Steamships.	Captain.	Leaving.
Haihong	J. W. Evans	7th Mar. at 1 p.m.
Maitan	A. H. Stewart	11th Mar. at 1 p.m.

Arrivals and Departures from the Company's Wharf (near
Blake Pier).

For Freight and Passage, apply to

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General Managers.

INDO-CHINA STEAM
NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

Projected Sailings from Hongkong.—(Subject to Alteration).

For	Steamship	On
HAIPHONG	Takung	Fri. 7th Mar. at 8 a.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Yaching	Fri. 7th Mar. at 3 p.m.
MANILA	Loongssang	Fri. 7th Mar. at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	Mausang	Sat. 8th Mar. at noon.
SHANGHAI via Swatow	Takung	Sun. 9th Mar. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Esang	Fri. 14th Mar. at 4 p.m.
MANILA	Yuensang	Fri. 14th Mar. at 3 p.m.

CALCUTTA LINE.—This Line is now being reorganized and will shortly attract frequent
regular sailings to Calcutta via Singapore and Penang.

Steamers from Calcutta steamers proceed via Straits and Hongkong to Japan, occasionally
calling at Shanghai.

All steamers have excellent passenger accommodation, are fitted with Electric Light and
Fans and carry a fully qualified surgeon.

SHANGHAI LINE.—Sailings approximately every two days between Canton and Shanghai, sometimes
calling at Swatow. Steamers on this line have a limited amount of passenger accom-
modation, and through tickets can be obtained for Fuzhou and Yangtze Ports via Shanghai.
Through bills of lading are issued to all Western and Yangtze Ports.

MANILA LINE.—A weekly service is maintained with Manila by vessels with good passenger accom-
modation, sailings from both ports every Friday.

HAIPHONG LINE.—Sailings approximately weekly for passengers and cargo, calling at Haiphong when
passenger service.

BORNEO LINE.—One sailing per month between Hongkong and Sandakan by a steamer having up-to-
date accommodation for passengers.

Cargo taken on through Bills of lading for Kadei, Jesselton, Labuan, Tawau and L'ed Dam.
TIENTSIN LINE.—A regular service is run from March to October between Hongkong and Tientsin,
calling at Weihaiwei and Chefoo.

Under Straits Government Passport Regulations.

All European Passengers, leaving the Colony for Straits Settle-
ment, are required to produce on arrival at destination passports
with their Photographs and description affixed thereto.

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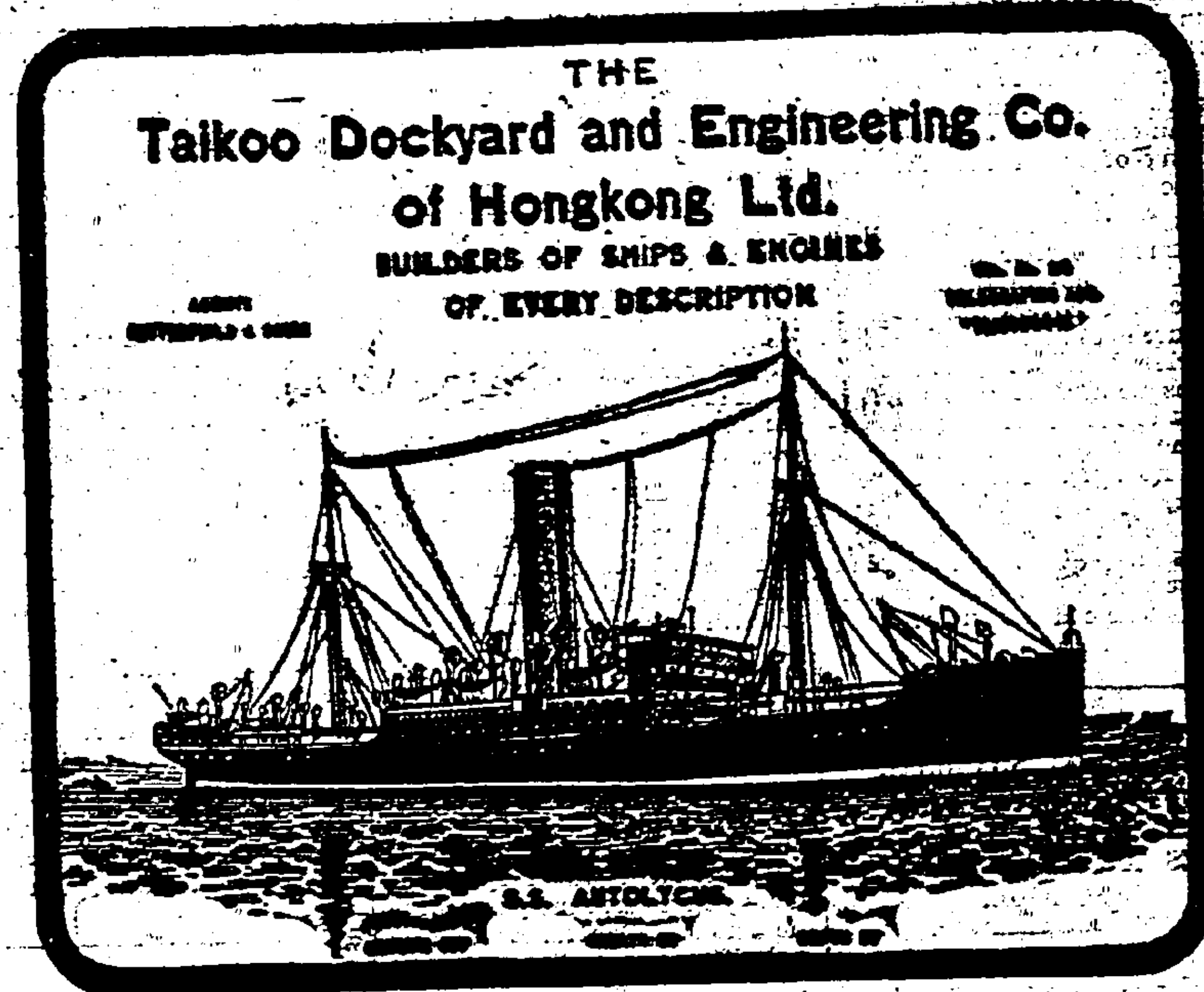
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Telephone—2566.

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Agencies:—SAIGON, SINGAPORE, HAIPHONG, PEKIN & TIENTSIN.

REINFORCED CONCRETE WORKS:
Road and Railway Bridges, Bunds, Wharves, Weirs, Retaining Walls, Dams, Industrial Buildings, Towers, Tanks, Godowns, Frameworks, Culverts, Vaults, Floors, Roofs, Piles (hollow and full), all lengths and sizes, Soles and Foundation platforms, Chimneys, Poles for supporting Telegraph and Telephone lines and carrying Electric Light and Power.

COMMISSION, IMPORT & EXPORT:
Industrial materials for railways, factories, mines, iron, steel, pipes, angle bars, steel joists, iron sheets, motors and Fichtel's fire-proof safes.

**REINFORCED CONCRETE IS ABSOLUTELY
FIRE PROOF AND OFFERS SUBSTANTIAL
RESISTANCE TO EARTHQUAKE SHOCK.**

SOME OF THE IMPORTANT WORK ALREADY EXECUTED.

1910.—Barracks in Thudamot for the French Government, Indo-China.	1913-14.—Banque de l'Indo-Chine, Singapore.
1911.—Wharves at Pulo-Bukom, Singapore, for the Standard Oil Co.	1914.—Chartered Bank of I. A. & C. Singapore.
1912.—Central Market, Saigon, super-ficial area 320' x 330'.	1914.—Cooling Wharf at Hongay with Crane Railway, 3 tons.
1912.—Bridge with swing span at Soai-rung Cambodge, length, 178'.	1915.—Wharf for French Government Mail steamers in 30 ft. water, Bangkok.
1913.—Water tower on pillars 30 ft. high (15,000 gals.), Saigon.	1916.—Bridge of 740 ft. length, in 20' water, span 90 ft., Comay, Indo-China.
1914.—Bridge of 350 ft. in length in 36' water, span 90 ft. at Rachgia, Indo-China.	1917.—Railway ferry boat of reinforced concrete at Johore.

SOME OF THE IMPORTANT WORK IN HAND.

Steamer of 2,500 tons in R. C. at Saigon.	New Godown at Kowloon, Hongkong.
Banque Industrielle de Chine, Haiphong.	Grand Hotel, Peking.
	Several steamers 2,000 tons, Tientsin.

MARINE CONSTRUCTION:

Lighters (river and sea) up to 1,000 tons. Hulks, Ferry Boats, in steel, wood and reinforced concrete. Sea going ships in reinforced concrete and wood. Steamers and Sailing vessels up to any tonnage.

IRON WORK:

Frame work, machine tools, boilers, and industrial installations.

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Private and Public Buildings, Factories, Godowns, Tunnels, Foundations in bad ground, by compressed air, Walls, Drains, Sewers, Churches, Hotels and Hospitals.

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Reinforced Concrete SPECIALISTS.

NOTICE.

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TO-NIGHT
THURSDAY MARCH 6th.**
AND
**DINNER DANCE
ON
FRIDAY MARCH 7th**

D. M. GOODALL,
Manager.

EXCHANGE.

SELLING.

T/T	3/1
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30 d/s	3/1 5/16
60 d/s	3/1 7/16
4 m/s	3/1 1/16
T/T Shanghai	Nom.
T/T Singapore	131 1/2
T/T Japan	143
T/T India	Nom.
Demand India	Nom.
T/T San Francisco & New York	73 3/4
T/T Java	177 1/2
T/T Marks	N. m.
T/T France	4.00 1/4
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BUYING.

4 m/s. L/C	3/2 1/4
4 m/s. D/P	3/2 1/4
6 m/s. L/C	3/2 3/4
30 d/s. Sydney and Melbourne	3/2 3/4
30 d/s. San Francisco & New York	74 1/4
4 m/s. Manila	Nom.
4 m/s. France	4.8
6 m/s. France	4.23
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Demand Manila	149
On Haiphong	131 1/2
On Saigon	50 1/2
On Bangkok	50 1/2
Sovereign	6.35 Nom.
Gold leaf per oz	44.60
Bar Silver, per oz	47 3/4

SUBSIDIARY COINS

Hong 50 cts sub.	var.
" 10 "	\$0.507, prem.
" 5 "	84% dia.
London "	47 1/4 dia.

NOTICE.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE.—The FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, on THURSDAY the 27th instant at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1918.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to 27th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON
& CO. LTD.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1919.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO. LIMITED.

NOTICE.—Mr. John Arnold has been appointed Acting Secretary to the Company from this date.

By Order,
STANLEY H. DODWELL,
Chairman of the Board
of Directors.

Hongkong, 23th February 1919.

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Sole Agents.

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